

OCTOBER 2002 EXCLUSIVELY FOR SURVEY RESPONDENTS

OCTOBER CROP PRODUCTION

Dear Respondent:

This issue of the **NEW MEXICO AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE SPECIAL SURVEY RESULTS** covers the results of the **OCTOBER YIELD SURVEY** conducted the last week of September and the first week of October. This is being sent exclusively to those of you who responded to our request for data. The information you provided made these published estimates possible. Thank you for your cooperation and the time spent completing the surveys.

Sincerely,

Dwaine C Nelson

Dwaine C. Nelson
State Statistician

NEW MEXICO: Corn for grain production is forecast at 6.8 million bushels unchanged from last month and is down 17 percent from a year ago. Acreage harvested for grain is forecast at 38,000 acres. Yields are expected to average 180 bushels per acre, the same as 2001. **Upland cotton** producers expect to harvest 100,000 bales, also unchanged from previous month which is 24,000 bales less than last year. Harvested acreage remained at 56,000 acres 9,000 less than a year ago with yields expected to reach 857 pounds per acre. **American-Pima** harvested acreage totaled 7,000 acres, 1,800 acres above last year. Yields are anticipated to reach 960 pounds per acre, just below the record yield set last year at 969 pounds per acre. **Sorghum** production is forecast at 2.25 million bushels, down from last months forecast of 2.6 million bushels. Based on October 1 conditions, the sorghum yield is forecasted at 30 bushels per acre. **Peanut** production is estimated at 64.4 million pounds up from last months forecast of 57.5 and 4 percent below 2001. Growers expect to harvest 23,000 acres, with yields expected to average 2,800 pounds per acre. **Alfalfa** production is forecast at 1.3 million tons, unchanged from the previous forecast and down 2 percent for a year ago. Yields are expected to average 5.1 tons per acre slightly above last year. Harvested acreage at 260,000 acres is 10,000 acres below last year. **Dry edible bean** production is forecast at 140 thousand cwt in 2002, unchanged from previous forecast and down from last years production of 260 thousand cwt. This drop is due to the decrease in harvested acreage with yields the same as last year.

UNITED STATES: Corn for grain acreage harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 70.5 million acres, unchanged from September but up 3 percent from 2001. The **peanut** harvest progressed slower than normal through most of the month and was only 20 percent complete on

September 29, well behind the 5-year average of 29 percent. **Sorghum** production is forecast at 387 million bushels, up 1 percent from last month, but down 25 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, the sorghum yield forecast is 51.4 bushels per acre, up 0.4 bushel from September, but down 8.5 bushels from last year. **Peanut** production is forecast at 3.75 billion pounds, down 2 percent from last month and down 12 percent from 2001. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.36 million acres, unchanged from the September estimate, but down 4 percent from 2001. Yields are expected to average 2,757 pounds, 51 pounds below last month and down 272 pounds from 2001. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage, at 12.6 million acres, is down fractionally from the previous month and 7 percent less than 2001. **American-Pima** harvested acreage, at 241,400 acres, is unchanged from last month, but down 10 percent from a year ago. **Alfalfa** and Alfalfa Mixtures production is forecast at 74.7 million tons, virtually unchanged from August, but down 7 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 3.09 tons, which is the same as August, but down 0.28 ton from last year. Harvested area is 24.1 million acres, unchanged from the August estimate, but up 1 percent from 2001. **Dry edible bean** production is forecast at 27.6 million cwt in 2002, up 1 percent from the August forecast and 41 percent above last year. This is the largest dry bean crop since 1999 when production was 33.1 million cwt. This production increase resulted from more acreage harvested due to high 2001 bean prices and better growing conditions this year.

October 2002 Crop Summary: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, 2001 and Forecasted October 1, 2002							
Crop	Unit	Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
		2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
		-----1,000 Acres-----		-----Units-----		-----1,000 Units-----	
NEW MEXICO							
Corn for Grain	Bu	46	38	180.0	180.0	8,280	6,840
All Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	70.2	63.0	920	869	134.5	114.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	65.0	56.0	916	857	124.0	100.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	5.2	7.0	969	960	10.5	14.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu	140	75	45.0	30.0	6,300	2,250
Peanuts	Lb	22.2	23.0	3,020	2,800	67,044	64,400
Dry Edible Beans ^{3/}	Lb	13.0	7.0	2,000	2,000	260	140
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	270	260	5.00	5.10	1,350	1,326
UNITED STATES							
Corn for Grain	Bu	68,808	70,541	138.2	127.2	9,506,840	8,969,836
All Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	13,827.7	12,861.4	705	674	20,302.8	18,070.0
Upland Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	13,559.5	12,620.0	694	663	19,602.4	17,435.0
A-P Cotton ^{1/2/}	Lb	268.2	241.4	1,254	1,263	700.4	635.0
Sorghum for Grain	Bu	8,584	7,528	59.9	51.4	514,524	387,249
Peanuts	Lb	1,411.9	1,360.5	3,029	2,757	4,276,704	3,751,200
Dry Edible Beans	Lb	1,243.0	1,690.6	1,572	1,632	19,541	27,594
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	23,812	24,134	3.37	3.09	80,266	74,655

^{1/} Production ginned and to be ginned. ^{2/} 480-Lb. Net weight bales. ^{3/} Estimates for current year carried froward from an earlier forecast.